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Discover how to create a place for nature at free lecture

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (February 11, 2011) – Marya Fowler with National Wildlife Federation appears on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. to share her passion for nature along with garden design tips at Community Wildlife Habitats, the next Walk in the Woods Nature Lecture at McCullough Jr. High School, 3800 S. Panther Creek Drive.

A growing trend in landscaping, wildlife habitats create a place for nature. Adding the delight of songbirds, hummingbirds and butterflies to the landscape is easy, according to Ms. Fowler. Providing food, water, shelter and a place to raise young can turn any balcony, backyard or school campus into a haven for nature, she says.

Plants that supply food and shelter are an essential component of a wildlife habitat. The right flowering plants produce nectar to attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Native berries, fruits and seeds bring songbirds.

In addition to recommending plants, Ms. Fowler will give tips for selecting and placing feeders in the landscape to cater to specific species of birds. Feeders help supplement nature's banquet with suet, seeds, fruit and nectar.

Providing clean water for wildlife can be as simple as placing a birdbath or as ambitious as installing a nature pond. Ms. Fowler will cover items to consider when selecting a water feature.

A free program of The Woodlands Township, Walk in the Woods Nature Lecture Series is sponsored by The Woodlands G.R.E.E.N., Waste Management, Hilton Garden Inn and The Pineywoods Nursery. For more information, contact Environmental Services at 281-210-3900 or visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov.

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PHOTO: Add the delight of cardinals and other songbirds, butterflies and hummingbirds to the home, school or commercial landscape with tips from Marya Fowler with National Wildlife Federation on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at McCullough Junior High School.



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